



In 1973 Congress passed a law called the *Endangered Species Act*. The purpose of this law is:

- to identify animals and plants that are in trouble; and
- to protect these animals and plants and their habitats.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service keeps a list of animals and plants that are protected by the Endangered Species Act.

There are over 950 animals and plants from the United States on the list of endangered and threatened species:

- An *endangered species* is in danger of extinction throughout the area in which they are usually found.
- A *threatened species* is one that could become endangered in the near future.

E = Endangered  
T = Threatened  
C = Candidate

# Federally-listed Endangered, Threatened, and Candidate Species in Missouri

## MAMMALS

Gray bat (E)  
Indiana bat (E)  
Ozark big-eared bat (E)

## BIRDS

Bald eagle (T)  
Least tern - Interior population (E)  
Piping plover (T)

## REPTILES

Eastern massasauga (C)

## AMPHIBIANS

Ozark hellbender (C)

## FISHES

Arkansas darter (C)  
Grotto Sculpin (C)  
Neosho madtom (T)  
Niangua darter (T)  
Ozark cavefish (T)  
Pallid sturgeon (E)  
Topeka shiner (E)

## CLAMS (Freshwater Mussels)

Curtis' pearlymussel (E)  
Fat pocketbook (E)  
Higgins' eye pearlymussel (E)  
Neosho mucket (C)  
Pink mucket pearlymussel (E)  
Scaleshell mussel (E)

## INSECTS

Hine's emerald dragonfly (E)

## SNAILS

Tumbling Creek cavesnail (E)

## PLANTS

Decurrent false aster (T)	Missouri bladder-pod (E)
Geocarpon (T)	Pondberry (E)
Mead's milkweed (T)	Running buffalo clover (E)
	Western prairie fringed orchid (T)



## The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

The mission of the *U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service* is to preserve, protect, and enhance fish and wildlife and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the people.

*Region 3* of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service covers an eight-state area: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

*Region 3's Ecological Services Program* works to protect and enhance wetland and upland habitats, study the effects of contaminants on fish and wildlife, inventory and map wetlands, and protect and restore endangered species.

The *Division of Endangered Species* in *Region 3* works with other Federal agencies, state agencies, and private groups and landowners to:

- help prevent animals and plants within the eight states of *Region 3* from becoming extinct;
- help protect habitats important to these species; and
- help bring populations of animals and plants to the point where they are no longer threatened or endangered.

For more information about animals and plants protected by Federal law, call or write to:

Division of Endangered Species  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
Bishop Henry Whipple Federal Building  
1 Federal Drive  
Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111-4056  
612/713-5350

In Missouri:

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
608 East Cherry Street, Room 200  
Columbia, Missouri 65201  
573/876-1911

Most states, including Missouri, have their own programs to protect locally endangered animals and plants.

For information about animals and plants protected by Missouri law, write to:

Department of Conservation  
2901 West Truman Boulevard  
Post Office Box 180  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0180  
573/751-4115

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